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1. The RMA (37°37'E/54°12'N) airfield was located north of the town, west of the road to MOSCOW and south of the RR line to MOSCOW which crossed the mentioned road.
2. The about 6,600 x 10,000 foot airfield had two concrete runways, each about 5,000 feet long. The field bordered on a woods to the north. A three-story flight control station with a flat roof and an antenna on top was located on the eastern border. Five to six large radio trucks which occasionally changed their position were observed along the field border.
3. The airfield was occupied by 200 to 300, mostly twin-engine, aircraft which were parked in long rows, usually four of them, one behind the other. Aircraft were observed taxiing from the woods north of the field, where hangars were possibly located. There was intensive flying. Twenty to fifty aircraft were seen in the air all day.
4. Parachuting at different altitudes was done daily from twin-engine aircraft. Each aircraft carried a 26-to 28-man party. The paratroopers, who were quartered in the town, were trucked to the airfield daily.
5. Jet fighters flying at an altitude of about 2,500 feet were observed on five days. It could not be determined whether these aircraft took off from and landed at the airfield.

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a. Report confirms the location and installation of the airfield north of the town. Contrary to the above reported size of the landing field (6,600 x 10,000 feet), another report stated its size as 3,300 x 6,600 feet. Only one runway was observed to exist there in

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b. The occupation by 200 to 300 aircraft may be overrated. It is possible, however, that reserve aircraft for air transport units, [redacted] were parked there [redacted].

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c. The information [redacted] on 26 to 28 paratroopers jumping from one plane may indicate that, besides the Li-2 which generally carries from 12 to 16 paratroopers, the Li-12 was also assigned to the paratroops at the airfield.

e. The parachute training included individual training and formation flying with leaders and airborne artillery.

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